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Seven brothers, the oldest scarcely past forty, together totaling 110 years in the service of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway is the unusual record of the Long family, of Caldwell, W. Va.

V. S. Long, Fireman now with headquarters at Ronceverte, W. Va., was the first of these seven brothers to connect with our railroad family. In March, 1902, he entered the service and on November 20, 1907, he began firing. Two years later he became Engine Watchman, returning to the position of Fireman in July, 1917. Fireman Long is now working under the examinations which will qualify him for promotion to Engineer.

In the summer of 1902, a second member of the family, W. G. Long, the oldest of the seven, entered the service of the Company and is now Section Foreman at Gauley, W. Va. In the summer of 1903, a third brother, C. E. Long, began working under V. S. Long, when Section Foreman at Rawick, W. Va. C. E. Long is now Section Foreman at Backbone, Va.

Fifteen years ago, the fourth mem-

ber of this family, B. F. Long, entered the service and is now Section Foreman at Marlinton, W. Va. A. M. Long, Section Laborer at Steele, Va., joined his four brothers in railway service eleven years ago; Elery Long rounded the number to six ten years ago, and is also Section Laborer at Steele.

Six years ago the youngest of the seven brothers, Walter, became an employe of the Chesapeake and Ohio. He is Section Laborer at Caldwell, W. Va., the old home of the Long family. With the exception of A. M. Long, whose military service took him for a time from the railroad ranks, each brother has an unbroken service record.

But—"the end is not yet."

One sister, Mary, of the three sisters in the Long family, added to the Railroad record of her seven brothers by marrying a Chesapeake and Ohio employe. She is now Mrs. Henry Dredell, and her husband is Extra Force Foreman on the Allegheny District.

Eight railroad careers in one family are in themselves remarkable, but it is possible to declare each record in this case loyal and faithful.

### DIED

Word was received one day last week of the death of Fletcher McClellan, at his home at Mill Creek, Randolph county. For a number of years he had been in poor health. He is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late John Gay, near Marlinton, and a number of children. His age was about sixty-four years.

Rev. R. B. Hulston died at his home in Alderson on January 23, 1926, after a few months illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Hulston was one of the prominent ministers of West Virginia. For many years he was pastor of a large Presbyterian church in Monroe county. The past few years he was connected with the Extension Department of the University. He held a number of Country Life Conferences in Pocahontas county.

Mrs. John I. Armstrong died at her home in Ashland, Virginia, on February 1, 1926, after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Armstrong will be remembered by many Pocahontas people; her husband was the late Dr. John I. Armstrong.

John Waugh received a telegram on last Friday announcing the death of his niece, Mrs. Maggie Phares, of Elkins. There were no particulars. Mrs. Phares was the daughter of Mrs. Anna Waugh Potts, of Elkins.

Mrs. Rebecca Collins Hannah, wife of Ira Hannah died at her home on Bucks Run, Tuesday, January 26, 1926, aged thirty six years. She is survived by her husband and their eight children, one of whom is a new-born babe. On Thursday she was laid to rest in the Buckley graveyard the services being conducted by Rev. H. H. Orr. Mrs. Hannah was the daughter of Samuel Collins of Richwood. She was a good woman, performing well her part as wife and mother.

### MRS. NANNIE CROUCH BEARD

Mrs. Nannie Crouch Beard, daughter of Jacob and Rachel McNeil Crouch, was born near Hutsonville, Randolph county, October 18, 1846. She was a descendant of John McNeil, an early settler of the Little Levels, and was related to most of the old families of this community. On June 25, 1867, she was married to Moffett Beard, and ever afterward made her home in the Levels, living on the site of her first and last earthly home except for a few years after the old house was burned when the family lived at Beard. To this union there were born nine children, three daughters and six sons, and these, with the exception of three sons—Lee, who died in infancy, Harry, accidentally drowned, and Jacob, of typhoid fever—were about her in the last days.

On June 30, 1869, Mrs. Beard united with Oak Grove Presbyterian church on profession of faith and remained a faithful and loyal member unto the end.

In 1889 upon the death of her husband she was left with a large family, most of them young, to rear—a task that would have appalled many of stouter frame. However, her faith and courage did not waver and she took up the burden with an energy and efficiency that won the admiration of all who knew her difficulties.

Mrs. Beard had won a unique place in her community. Her long and busy life, her kindness of heart, her readiness to help in sorrow and need won the hearts of all her neighbors and she was looked upon as the grandmother of all whether related or alien to her blood. Then, too, she was active to the very last and never lost touch with the life and activities of the community. Her hospitality was known far and wide, and stranger as well as friend was glad to share its blessing.

She nobly bore life's burdens and doubtless was fain to lay them down. The Word of God assures us that "the path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more to the perfect day." Her life, its light expanding, has intersected the perfect day. All the shadows are behind. Many will miss the genial welcome of her face; her presence in the pew, the thoughtful assistance in need, and the ever busy hand. But all the gain is hers, for seeing him who to earthly eyes is invisible, robs earth of all its attractions. The children left to feel the loss of this good mother are as follows—Richard M. Beard, at the old home; Mrs. Mary McNeil, Paul Beard, Cameron G. Beard; Mrs. F. D. Nickell of Ronceverte, and Mrs. W. M. Irvine of Hillsboro. One sister, Miss Martha Crouch, of Hutsonville, Randolph county. A host of friends sympathize with these and share the feeling of their loss.

"She hath done what she could."

Editor Times:—I noticed a piece in your paper concerning the starling birds, and you wished to know how far these birds had migrated in West Virginia. A flock of about twenty, starlings were seen around the Pine Grove school, near Trainer postoffice in Greenbrier county, about the time of the first snow in the fall, the first to be seen in this locality.

Mabel G. Trainer.

Trainer, W. Va.

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### THE CANDIDATES

Edray District has two more candidates this week for the Democratic nomination for commissioner of the County Court.

The first one to let us know his wants and wishes in this matter was Asa C. Barlow. He is a big farmer and stockman, and a live wire as a business man. His hobby is good roads, and for fifteen years he served the people as road superintendent for Edray District. He built good roads at a minimum cost to the people, and he brought a lot of road out of the mud. Mr. Barlow has a wife, a quietness over the county, and he will be a strong candidate against any one, either in the Primary or the General election, and he would make a good man on the Court.

About the time this paper was ready for the press, our friend Charles Shinnaberry, of Clover Lick, came into this office with his announcement for Commissioner of County Court. He is a busy farmer and a good man. He does considerable dealing in live stock and other things, and he is known to many people in all parts of the county. This is his first offer for public office. This writer can comment him to the public as a good man who will do what he believes is right, in office and out.

### GUARD SMALL CHILDREN AGAINST CROUP

This rather common ailment occurs most often in children from two to five years of age and while not in itself of a serious nature, nor dangerous to life, causes great anxiety to the parents on account of the alarming character of the symptoms which it produces. The child may or may not have had evidence of an acute cold preceding the attack of croup, but it is apt to be awakened late at night or in the early hours of the morning by the sudden onset of difficult breathing, or hoarseness of breath, hoarseness of the voice and a hoarse muffled type of cough.

These symptoms are caused by a congestive swelling and inflammation of the lining inner membrane of the larynx or voice organ, which contains the vocal cords and is situated in the throat just above the trachea or windpipe with which it communicates.

The malady is really a form of acute laryngitis or inflammation of the larynx and is also known as spasmodic laryngitis on account of the sudden contraction of the irritated vocal cords in the child's larynx, producing virtually a condition of temporary spasm of the breathing apparatus with the symptoms described.

The attack is usually of brief duration, a matter of minutes rather than hours, though it is apt to recur for several successive nights unless measures are employed to relieve the laryngeal inflammation and allay the cough, as the cough is not only an indication of the condition but serves to aggravate the already existing irritation of the larynx and throat.

This hoarse croupy cough tends to persist between the acute paroxysms of true croup and should be combated by certain remedies prescribed by a physician, as much can be done to prevent recurrence of the croup at times during the following nights.

Simple croup is not a disease which endangers life, nor is it ever fatal but it may be confused with and mistaken for a very fatal form of diphtheria, known as diphtheritic laryngitis on account of the fact that the symptoms of croup and those of laryngeal diphtheria may be very similar and the onset in some cases very much the same in the two diseases.

There is no such disease known nor recognized as membrane croup by the medical profession, as this term, which was formerly so freely used and improperly applied to diphtheritic throat inflammation, is an erroneous one, croup never having any membrane formation associated with it and diphtheria having nothing to do with croup.

It is always best whenever possible to have a physician see and examine the child suffering with an attack of croup, in order that the mistake of laryngeal diphtheria being present and overlooked or mistaken for simple croup should not be made. Any known or suspected recurrence of the child to the possibility of the contagion of diphtheria should serve of course to arouse suspicion of the possibility of this disease being present at the time of the occurrence of an acute attack of supposed simple croup.

Some children are more susceptible to colds than others and certain children have a greater tendency than others to develop croup attacks accompanying common colds. Much can be done, however, to prevent attacks of croup as well as ordinary colds in children by the avoidance of unnecessary exposure to chilling and wetting of the body and feet, by seeing that the child is suitably dressed and properly protected in inclement weather and by being kept away from crowded indoor places where overheated air, poor ventilation and individuals with colds and other infections of the breathing apparatus form a firstclass combination to distribute colds and to broadcast infectious respiratory diseases.

A child's nose and throat should be given proper attention in the form of medical examination and such conditions as enlarged or infected tonsils and adenoids should be removed, as well as any form of nasal obstruction remedied, if found to be present.

Children should be encouraged as well as allowed to be outdoors as possible in all except the most inclement weather in order that their resistance to cold be increased and their susceptibility to infectious respiratory diseases lessened.

During acute attacks of croup in the absence of a physician or pending his arrival, there are certain simple home methods which may be employed, such as giving the child a teaspoonful of syrup of Ipecac or if this is not on hand, a half teaspoonful of ordinary table salt in half a tumbler of lukewarm water in order to produce vomiting, as this will ordinarily break a croup attack. Hot wet clothes applied to the child's throat are also useful and the inhaling of steam vapor from a small can, pail or cooking utensil is likewise helpful, as is also the saturation of the air of the room with steam from a kettle or other vessel, as a moist atmosphere tends to help in these conditions, where dry air aggravates them. Immersing the child in a tub partly filled with hot water is another useful and harmless measure which frequently acts beneficially and last but by no means least, it should be remembered that ordinary croup is not a dangerous and never a fatal malady.

Report of Spruce Flat school for the fourth month. Pupils with perfect attendance, Gladys and Geraldine Sheets, Alfreda and Carl Kismore, and Orval Gabbert making attendance of 90 per cent. Teacher, Lillian Fowler.

Report of Buckeye school, fifth month, primary room, Gessie McNeil teacher. Perfect attendance—Jesse Bestic, Paul Duncan, James Miller, William Miller, Everett Young, Martha Bostic, Gladys Barnes, Madeline McNeill, Mae and Ruby Miller, Helen Young. Faithful attendance, Leslie Rose, Otis Lester, Guy Wanless. Upper room, G. Winters Hill, principal, perfect attendance—Glenn Duncan, Ross Miller, Ida Morrison, Lou Morrison, Bernice Miller, Maggie Moss. Faithful attendance, Bernard Hinkle, Glen Ruckler, Beatrice Howard, Jane Kennison.

Report of Thomas Spring school, fifth month, Juanita Shinnaberry, teacher. Perfect attendance—Mary Grace Kramer, Alice and Annalee Smith, Mary Tallman, Harman Dilley, Howard, Lee and John Kramer, James and Charley Smith, George Tallman. Faithful attendance, Earl and Myrl Tallman.

Report of Brushy Flat school for the fifth month. Jake R. McClure, teacher. Perfect attendance—Ruby and Elizabeth Dilley, Ferwin Dumire, Gratchen and Opal Friel, Jean Landis, Oscar Friel, Lewis Dumire, Damon Landis. Faithful attendance, Angus, Ralph Irvine, Boyd, Deaton, Vance Dumire, Harry and John Krugel, Albert Smith, Elizabeth McClure and Verlin Irvine.

### CHURCH NOTES

#### MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
Bible School 9-45  
4:30 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor  
6:45 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor  
Helen Fortuna, leader.  
11:00 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Wade C. Smith.  
7:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. Wade C. Smith.

#### MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. S. R. Neel, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:15 a. m.  
A. S. Overholt, Supt.  
8:00 Junior Epworth League  
6:45 p. m. Epworth League  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
There will be no evening services during the Revival service at the Presbyterian Church.

#### M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Huntersville Circuit,  
Rev. Harry W. Fowler, P. C.  
11:00 a. m. Mt. Vernon  
3:00 Bethel  
7:00 Huntersville  
Sunday School attendance at the Methodist Church last Sunday, 210; at the Presbyterian 185.  
The meeting at the Presbyterian Church will close next Sunday night.  
The fourth quarterly meeting of the Greenbank charge will be held at Greenbank, Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6. Rev. G. W. Richardson, our presiding elder, will hold the quarterly conference at the parsonage, Saturday at two o'clock. He will preach at Greenbank Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Marlinton Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. Frank Hill on Thursday afternoon, February 11, at 2:30 o'clock.  
The Tampa Ministers' Association and the Laymen's Evangelistic Club have employed Mrs. W. T. Mann to act as General Church Secretary, with a desk in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. The object is to enroll, as far as possible, all new converts to the city, and put them in touch with the ministers and churches of their respective denominations. The churches of Tampa desire to welcome and to serve the many people who are daily arriving from all over the country, to establish their residence. Those who expect to make their home in Tampa, are asked to register with the secretary, who will gladly assist them to get settled in a church home. Pastors, whose people move here, are urged to inform them to call upon the Secretary and get her assistance. During the short time the secretary has been at work, she has been able to serve a number who have greatly needed help and advice.

### SOCIAL GIVEN

The friends of Mrs. W. J. Yeager, retiring president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Marlinton Methodist Church, met at the home of Mrs. B. B. Williams on Wednesday afternoon, January 27th, for the purpose of expressing to her their appreciation for her valuable services during the time she has been its executive head.

Mrs. Yeager served in this capacity for the last fifteen years and her influence has been felt for good in many ways. She has been very energetic and enthusiastic in the work. She made an ideal president, very dignified, courteous and deeply religious. Her leadership will be missed. This Society has been on the Honor Roll for many years and has been increasing in membership and activity.

About forty persons were present and as a slight token of their esteem for her, she was presented with a wrist watch which is to constantly remind her of the warm place she holds in the hearts of those with whom she has labored.

#### HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

The Casford Concert Company consisting of Fern L. Casford, reader and pianist, Winfred Casford, violinist and soprano, and Byrn Smith, harpist, will give one of its delightful programs in the High School auditorium, Thursday evening, February 11. Primarily the members of this company are individual artists, although ensemble numbers are given due prominence in their programs. Miss Fern Casford, after graduation from the Nebraska School of Expression, spent several seasons in lyceum and chautauqua work, giving complete programs alone. Miss Smith has studied extensively under the renowned harpist, Salvi, undoubtedly one of the greatest artists of the day.

Tickets for reserved seats will be on sale at the High School February 9 and 10.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all of our good neighbors and friends for their help and kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our darling baby Ozella.

Winston Gibson & Family

I wish to thank all those who extended help and sympathy during the illness and death of my mother. I pray God's richest blessing upon each and every one.

C. S. W. Wooddall

### As Free Water

The fine programs that are on the air every night are as free as the water that comes from the many mountain springs all over our country. You install water pipes and buy drinking cups to enable you to enjoy the water. Why not buy a receiving set to bring to you the best that can be had in instruction and entertainment? When you own an ATWATER KENT you have the satisfaction of knowing that no one has a better set.

### The Peoples Store & Supply Co.

Marlinton, West Virginia  
Authorized dealers for Pocahontas County

### MERRICK ALDERMAN SHOT

Merrick Alderman was shot up by Fielding Combs at the Alderman home on High Top in Allegheny Mountain Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Alderman came to town Tuesday afternoon to have his wounds dressed. He has about a dozen more four shot in his left breast; several in his shoulder, one in his throat and one in his hip. The wounds are painful and the one through the throat possibly is dangerous. He is walking around. Merrick and Henry Alderman were cutting wood, when they saw Combs approaching. He had a repeating shot gun and he looked mad. The Aldermans spoke, and Combs replied by putting his gun under a coat that hung on the fence and threw the garment to the ground. Being asked what he meant he replied that "It means so dam much that I will kill you both!"

Combs then leveled his gun at Merrick and fired two or three times as Alderman turned away. Some of the shot took effect as given above. He then took a couple of shots at Henry, but missed him.

Combs then held the men up with his gun and proceeded to give them a talking down. He warned them not to get their guns on the mountain with a rifle, who would surely shoot them if they attempted to follow him.

Alderman came to town as soon as he could and reported the matter to the officers. Sheriff Barlow organized a posse and went after Combs. No word has been received from the officers as this paper is printed.

Merrick Alderman is a son of Escoe Alderman. He is 28 years old and unmarried. He lives at High Top on Allegheny Mountain, near the head of Meadow Creek. His house is near the Virginia and Greenbrier county lines. He is six feet four inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. Some years ago he was a State witness in a moonshine case in which Combs was implicated and Combs has not liked him since. An officer had warned him that Combs might shoot him.

Combs is a native of Kentucky, and he came here over twenty years ago. He has the reputation of being a moonshiner. He lives over the Virginia line. He is about 60 years old and has a family of 23 children.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

Rev. Wade C. Smith, of Greenboro, N. C., writer, artist and minister, is speaking each night at the Marlinton Presbyterian church. The people are hearing him gladly, and he is truly a wonderful preacher.

Mr. Smith is different from the usual run of evangelists. He is a specialist in organization. Leading men and women of the churches of the town are organized into bands to do personal work. Each night an after meeting is held to hear the reports of these workers. The end of the meeting is but the beginning of really effective work by these organizations.

On Wednesday night Mr. Smith will speak to the men; on Thursday night to the women and on Friday night to the young people. The series close on Sunday night. Every one is invited to every service.

At some of the services Mr. Smith illustrates his discourse with original drawings, "Little Jets." This is a new school of art, and Mr. Smith is its originator. A book of these drawings has been published. Mr. Smith is the author of a number of books of wide circulation.

S. L. Brown, Cooperative Observer of the U. S. Weather Bureau, at Marlinton West Virginia, makes the following report of the weather for the month of January, 1926, to-wit: Mean maximum temperature, 33; mean minimum temperature, 16 2; mean temperature, 24.9; maximum temperature, 54, on the 5th; minimum temperature, 16 degrees below zero, on the 29th; greatest daily range 44, on the 16th and 29th. Total precipitation 4.93 inches; the greatest in 24 hours, 1.23 inches on the 18th; total snow fall during the month, 11.6 inches. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 15; number clear days, 6; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 15. Sleep on the 4th.

### CLAWSON

Our school is progressing very nicely with Mrs. Agatha Barlow as teacher.

S. F. Carr and family are moving to Roanoke, Virginia.

Last Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 14 below zero.

J. P. Carr is on the sick list this week.

E. N. Carr was up from Beard Saturday to see his father J. P. Carr. Silas Kennedy and family are down with the flu.

Cleve Withrow and Joe Dilley killed a large grey fox last week.

### VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TRIP

Mr. Hedrick and his team of six Vo-Ag boys, returned from Morgantown last week bringing with them a magnificent silver cup, won by the Poultry Judging team—Clark Kennedy, Olen Hiner, and Willie Johnston.

There were twenty-three schools represented by one hundred twenty-seven boys contesting for the Sweepstakes Banner. This banner goes to the school amassing the most points. Wadestown won the first prize, Parsons second, and Greenbank led all the schools in eastern West Virginia, winning third place.

We are proud of our Agricultural Department and credit Mr. Hedrick with doing exceptionally good work and congratulate the future farmers of our district, that they receive help from so competent a teacher.

In the separate events Greenbank High took the following places: 1. Livestock, 6th place. Individuals—Gus Riley, 3rd place in judging beef cattle, Paul Turner, 3rd place in judging sheep; 2 Dairy—7th—Individuals—Lyle Friel, 7th man in entire contest, 1st in Ayrshire, Jersey team 2nd, Holstein—team 4th, 3. Grain, team 11th. 4. Fruit, 9th. 5. Poultry, team 1st.

Individual places—Olen Hiner fourth, Clark Kennedy 6th high man, 6. Utility, 4th on Standard and 2nd on Utility Class. Olen Hiner tied for high man in Utility Class.

### CUMMINGS CREEK

Miss Midge Ramsey will go to Huntington the last of this week.

Williams & Pifer Lumber Co., started their camps February 2nd under the successful management of Harry Thompson and Otis Warwick as cook.

Harry Thompson was a business visitor in Marlinton last week.

D. F. Alderman has a contract of logging for the Williams & Pifer Lbr Co.

Rev. Hughes closed a very successful meeting here Tuesday night.

Sixteen degrees below zero at Marlinton last Thursday morning. Zero at Spruce.

County Court was in session on Tuesday with all the members of court setting.

### INTEREST

is allowed on savings at the rate of 4% per annum compounded semi-annually.

Deposits made on or before February 5th will draw interest from first of this month.

NOW is the time to start saving.

A "MONEY BARREL" will make it easy.

### FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

Capital \$25,000  
Surplus \$25,000